

**New Mexico - Clayton Field Office**  
**FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Rangeland**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Farm # \_\_\_\_\_ Tract # \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field #s \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Note: A minimum of 50 points must be earned in order to be considered for funding**

**1. Plants - (Total Maximum Points 80)**

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent		%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	80		
	Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	70		
	Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	60		
	Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	45		
	Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	30		
	(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	15		
		SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	0		
Riparian:	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	80		
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____	%	80		
						Total:		

**2. Conservation Practices - (Total Maximum Points 260)**

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.			Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
Water (Quality, Quantity), Air (N/A), Plants (Health), Animals (Habitat)					
Resource Concerns 1) Water- Quality and Quantity, 2.) Plants- Includes Community, Productivity, Health and Vigor, as well as Invasive Plants, ) 3.) Animals- Inadequate Forage Quanities as well as Qualities, Inadequate Stock Water as well as inadequate forage accessabilites.					
Water (Range Improvement)					
Pond (378)			20		
Spring Development (574)			20		
Air - Particulate Matter					
Windbreaks (380)			20		
Plant (Brush Management)					
Brush Management (314)			20		
Fence (382)			20		
Range Planting (550)			20		
Animal (Range Improvement)					
Animal Trail Walkway (575)			20		
Pipeline (516)			20		
Pumping Plant (533)			20		
Troughs (614)			20		
Wells (642)			20		
Brush Management					
Level of infestation	% Area Needing Treatment	% Area to be Treated in Contract	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
Light			10		
Medium			20		
Heavy			30		
Extra Heavy			40		
Note: Multiply % Area Needing Treatment by % Area Treated in Contract by Points to get After for each Level of infestation					
2. Conservation Practice Selection			Total:		

**3. Other Considerations - (Total Maximum Points 40)**

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
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A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	10	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	N/A	0	
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	N/A	0	
E. Proposed contract area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	10	0	
F. The complete grazing operating unit is in the contract.	10	0	
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Grand Total:</b>			

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Designated Conservationist

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Date